

Montana State Legislature

2013 Session

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BUSINESS REPORT

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2013
Place: Capitol

Time: 3:00 PM
Room: 152

BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:

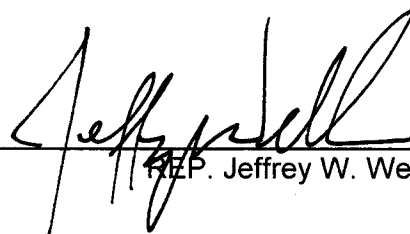
SB 381 - Revise qualifications, fee for nonresident relative hunting, fishing licenses - Sen. Chas Vincent

SB 397 - Establishing provisional hunting seasons for certain large predators - Sen. Scott Boulanger

EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:

SB 381
SB 397
SB 178

Comments:


REP. Jeffrey W. Welborn, Chair

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Roll Call
FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS COMMITTEE

DATE: 4/9/2013

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT/EXCUSED</u>
REP. DOUG KARY, VICE CHAIR	X	
REP. FRANKE WILMER, VICE CHAIR	X	
REP. GORDON VANCE		X
REP. CARLIE BOLAND	X	
REP. PAT CONNELL	X	
REP. JEAN PRICE	X	
REP. EDWARD GREEF	X	
REP. VIRGINIA COURT	X	
REP. KERRY WHITE	X	
REP. BRIDGET SMITH	X	
REP. WENDY WARBURTON		X
REP. KELLY FLYNN	X	
REP. ALAN DOANE	X	
REP. ED LIESER	X	
REP. TOM JACOBSON	X	
REP. BRIAN HOVEN	X	
REP. JP POMNICHOWSKI	X	
REP. KIRK WAGONER	X	
REP. RAY SHAW	X	
REP. TED WASHBURN	X	
REP. JEFFERY WELBORN, CHAIR	X	

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HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

April 9, 2013

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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on **Fish, Wildlife and Parks** recommend that **Senate Bill 178** (second house second reading copy -- tan) **be concurred in.**

Signed: 
Representative Jeffrey W. Welborn, Chair

To be carried by Representative Jeffrey Welborn

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Committee Vote:

Yes 21, No 0

Fiscal Note Required ☐

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BILL TABLED NOTICE

HOUSE FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS COMMITTEE

The HOUSE FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS COMMITTEE TABLED

**SB 260 - Revise restriction on # of nonresident large predator hunting licenses issued -
Sen. Fred Thomas**

**SB 381 - Revise qualifications, fee for nonresident relative hunting, fishing licenses -
Sen. Chas Vincent**

by motion, on **Tuesday, April 9, 2013** (PLEASE USE THIS ACTION DATE IN LAWS BILL STATUS).

Marissa Stockton

(For the Committee)

DC
(For the Chief Clerk of the House)

11:30 / 4-10
(Time) (Date)

April 10, 2013 (10:18am)

Marissa Stockton, Secretary

Phone: 444-1864

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Roll Call Vote
FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS COMMITTEE

DATE: 4/9/2013 BILL NO SB 260 MOTION NO. _____
 MOTION: Be Concurred in.

<u>NAME</u>	AYE	NO	If Proxy Vote, check here & include signed Proxy Form with minutes
REP. DOUG KARY, VICE CHAIR		X	
REP. FRANKE WILMER, VICE CHAIR		X	
REP. CARLIE BOLAND		X	
REP. PAT CONNELL		X	
REP. JEAN PRICE		X	
REP. EDWARD GREEF		X	
REP. VIRGINIA COURT		X	
REP. KERRY WHITE		X	
REP. BRIDGET SMITH		X	
REP. WENDY WARBURTON		X	X
REP. KELLY FLYNN		X	
REP. ALAN DOANE		X	
REP. ED LIESER		X	
REP. TOM JACOBSON		X	
REP. BRIAN HOVEN		X	
REP. JP POMNICHOWSKI		X	
REP. KIRK WAGONER		X	
REP. RAY SHAW		X	
REP. TED WASHBURN		X	
REP. GORDON VANCE		X	X
REP. JEFFERY WELBORN, CHAIR		X	

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Roll Call Vote
FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS COMMITTEE

DATE: 4/9/2013 BILL NO. SB 381 MOTION NO. _____
MOTION: Be Concurred in

<u>NAME</u>	AYE	NO	If Proxy Vote, check here & include signed Proxy Form with minutes
REP. DOUG KARY, VICE CHAIR		X	
REP. FRANKE WILMER, VICE CHAIR		X	
REP. CARLIE BOLAND		X	
REP. PAT CONNELL		X	X
REP. JEAN PRICE		X	
REP. EDWARD GREEF		X	
REP. VIRGINIA COURT		X	
REP. KERRY WHITE	X		
REP. BRIDGET SMITH		X	
REP. WENDY WARBURTON	X		X
REP. KELLY FLYNN		X	
REP. ALAN DOANE		X	
REP. ED LIESER		X	
REP. TOM JACOBSON		X	
REP. BRIAN HOVEN		X	
REP. JP POMNICHOWSKI		X	
REP. KIRK WAGONER		X	
REP. RAY SHAW		X	
REP. TED WASHBURN		X	
REP. GORDON VANCE	X		X
REP. JEFFERY WELBORN, CHAIR		X	

AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE PROXY

I request to be excused from the

Committee because of other commitments. I desire to leave my proxy vote with:

Indicate Bill number and your vote Aye or No. If there are amendments, list them by name and number under the bill and indicate a separate vote for each amendment.

BILL/AMENDMENT

AYE NO

BILL/AMENDMENT

AYE NO

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Rep.

(Signature)

Date _____

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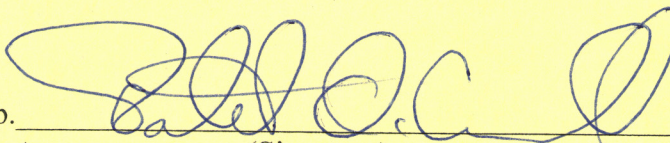
Doug Kory

Indicate Bill number and your vote Aye or No. If there are amendments, list them by name and number under the bill and indicate a separate vote for each amendment.

BILL/AMENDMENT AYE NO

SB 381		X
Title SB381	X	

BILL/AMENDMENT AYE NO

Rep. 
(Signature)

Date 4/09/13

**AUTHORIZED
COMMITTEE PROXY**

I request to be excused from the FWP

Committee because of other commitments. I desire to leave my proxy vote with:

Dan Kary

Indicate Bill number and your vote Aye or No. If there are amendments, list them by name and number under the bill and indicate a separate vote for each amendment.

BILL/AMENDMENT AYE NO

SB 178	X	
SB 260		X
Reverse Table SB 260	X	
SB 381	X	
Table SB 381	X	

BILL/AMENDMENT AYE NO

Rep. Wendy Harbush

(Signature)

Date 4/09/12

MONTANA House of Representatives
Visitors Register
HOUSE FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

SB 397 - Establishing provisional hunting seasons for certain large predators

Sponsor: Sen. Scott Boulanger

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Name	Representing	Support	Oppose	Info
Rod Bullis	BRUHA		X	
Steve Clavdanka	Living with wolves org		X	
Vito Quatano	Montana Sportsmen Alliance		X	
JOHN BORGREEN	2054 RUSSELL COUNTY SPORTSMEN		X	
Robert Wood	Ravalli County Fish & Wildlife		X	
Jerry Davis	Montana Bowhunters Assoc		X	
Peter Husby - Northrup	Self - citizen		X	
GEORGE Golie	MWF		X	
Cal Bursch	BRUHA		X	
Chuck Exum	BRUHA		X	
MARC JENNINGS	SELF		X	
DAN PETERSON	BUHA		X	
KEITH KUBISTA	MT SFW	X		
BILL MITCHELL	SELF	X		
Shelby F. DeMars	United Property Owners of MT	X		
Mike Colpo	MT SFW	X		
Justin Sabgalis	MT Audubon		X	
Sam Woodruff	MT Sportsmen Alliance		X	
Wendy Herpfrader	The Humane Society of the US		X	
MARC COOKE	Wolves of the Rockies		X	
Gdy Carastia	self	X		
Chris McFadden	Self	X		

Please leave prepared testimony with Secretary. Witness Statement forms are available if you care to submit written testimony.

MONTANA House of Representatives Visitors Register

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HOUSE FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS COMMITTEE

Sponsor: Sen. Chas Vincent

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State Public Records Request Shows Widespread Capture and Mortality of Non-Target Animals Related to Idaho Wolf Trapping During 2011/2012 Trapping Season

**ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS**

Rare Fishers Heavily Impacted

A response to a **state public records request**, submitted by Western Watersheds Project to the Idaho Fish and Game Department, shows widespread capture and mortality of non-target species related to wolf trapping and snaring in Idaho during the 2011/2012 trapping and snaring season. For the last two years, since wolves in the Northern Rockies were delisted, wolf trappers in Idaho have killed approximately 177 wolves.

However, during just the 2011/2012 trapping season these trappers have captured approximately 246 non-target animals. Of those captured, 116 were released alive, 118 were killed, and the fate of 12 others were not reported.

Trapping is notorious for the suffering caused to animals and for the likelihood that non-target animals will be captured or killed. Idaho wolf trappers are apparently no exception to this and have taken many non-target species while trapping for

3/24/2013

wolves.

The area where wolf trapping is allowed was expanded in some areas for the 2012/2013 season and 53 wolves have been taken with the use of leg hold traps and snares which are lengths of cable that tighten around the neck or limb of whatever animal happens to become ensnared by them. Trappers are only required to check their traps and snares once every 3 days.

Included in the list of species captured are rare species such as eagles, fishers, and goshawk. Despite the fact that fishers in Idaho are isolated and genetically distinct from other fisher populations, and there being no open season for fisher, a total of 22 fishers were captured and 15 of those died. According to a 2009 petition to list fishers as an endangered species in the northern Rockies:

"The trapping season for fishers has been closed in Idaho since the 1930's. The fisher is listed as a Species of Greatest Conservation Need, and ranked "G5/S1" (IDFG 2005a). This means that it is globally secure, but within the State of Idaho it is: "Critically imperiled. At high risk because of extreme rarity (often 5 or fewer occurrences), rapidly declining numbers, or other factors that make it particularly vulnerable to rangewide extinction or extirpation"

A total of 83 deer, 18 elk, and 4 moose were captured by wolf trappers and, of those captured, 27 deer and 1 elk were killed. Two domestic pets were killed and even a goose died. 26 mountain lions were also trapped, 13 of which were killed.

Since most trapping is conducted during winter months there was only 1 bear capture but it resulted in the death of the bear.

Jon Rachael, the IDFG State Wildlife Manager, explains that

the information in the public records response was gathered from two sources of information:

The first summary is taken from furtaker report cards required to be submitted by licensed trappers at the end of the trapping season. For the trapping season year ending June 30, 2012, we received reports from 154 trappers who indicated that they trapped for wolves. Forty-one of those trappers reported a total of 99 nontarget catches. Fifty of those were released alive. I have attached a summary of those nontarget catches by species as reported by the trappers. Please note that, because of the way this information was collected on the fur-taker report card, we have no way of determining from these reports which or how many of the reported nontarget animals were caught in traps set for wolves vs. traps set by for other species. For example, 2 wolves were reported taken as nontargets and released alive.

Nontarget species reported by fur trappers who also trapped for wolves.			
Species	#	#Unknown#	#
Caught	Caught	Released Alive	Dead
Black bear	1		1
Bobcat	2		2
Cottontail rabbit	2		1 1
Coyote	2		2
Deer	23		12 11
Dog	3		3
Eagle	2		2
Feral cat	1		1
Fisher	21		6 15
Flying Squirrel	1		1
Goshawk	1		1
Lion	17		10 7
Marten	1		1

Packrat	1		1	
Porcupine	1			1
Raven	1		1	
River	1		1	
Otter				
Snowshoe	3			3
hair				
Squirrel	1			1
White-tail	12		8	4
deer				
Wolf	2		2	
TOTAL	99	0	50	49

Rachael continues:

The second summary is taken from response to a survey we conducted of 460 individuals who purchased a trapping license for the 2011-2012 trapping season and also had attended a wolf trapper education class. One hundred forty-three (143) of the 339 respondents indicated they trapped for wolves during the season and reported 147 nontarget captures, 66 of which were released alive (see Table).

While trapping for wolves, did you trap any of the following species?

If yes, how many of each species did you catch? Please indicate if they were released alive or if they died.

Non-Target species captured by wolf trappers who responded to the survey				
Species	#	#Unknown#	#	#
Caught	Caught	Released	Dead	
		Alive		
White-tailed	45	33	12	
deer				
Mule	2	2		
deer				
Elk	18	6	11	1
Moose	4	4		
Mountain	9	3	6	
lion				
Black	0			

bear				
Lynx	0			
Bobcat	9		4	5
Domestic	9		7	2
pets				
Coyote	45	6	1	38
Fisher	1		1	
Goose	1			1
Skunk	2			2
Raccoon	1			1
Raven	1			1
Total	147	12	66	69

When the information from the two sources of information is combined you can see the extent of carnage and injury associate with Idaho's wolf trapping.

Combined total of all data.				
Species Caught	# Caught	#Unknown#	# Released Alive	# Dead
Black bear	1			1
Bobcat	11		6	5
Cottontail rabbit	2		1	1
Coyote	47	6	1	40
Deer, Mule	2		2	
Deer, Unspecified	23		12	11
Deer, White-tailed	57		41	16
Dog	3		3	
Domestic pets	9		7	2
Eagle	2		2	
Elk	18	6	11	1
Feral cat	1			1
Fisher	22		7	15
Flying Squirrel	1			1
Goose	1			1
Gosshawk	1		1	
Lynx	0			
Marten	1			1
Moose	4		4	
Mountain lion	26		13	13

Packrat	1		1	
Porcupine	1			1
Raccoon	1			1
Raven	2		1	1
River	1		1	
Otter				
Skunk	2			2
Snowshoe	3			3
hair				
Squirrel	1			1
Wolf	2		2	
TOTAL	246	12	116	118

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

Accidentally Trapped Dog Reports Received by FWP, 2012-2013

Region	Date	County	Location	Ownership	Trap Type	Target Spp	Condition	Dog	At Large/With Owner	Legal/Illegal Set
	1 10/17/2012	Lincoln	Trap Road	USFS	Foothold	Unknown	Not Injured		With Owner	Unknown
	1 11/9/2012	Flathead	Hoffman Draw	Other	Foothold	Unknown	Not Injured		At Large	Unknown
	1 12/9/2012	Flathead	FS RD 10325	USFS	Foothold	Unknown	Foot Damage		With Owner	Unknown
	1 12/11/2012	Sanders	W.Fk.Thompson	USFS	Foothold	Bobcat	Not Injured		With Owner	Legal
	1 12/11/2012	Flathead	Lion Lake	USFS	Foothold	Bobcat	Not Injured		At Large	Legal
	1 12/11/2012	Lincoln	Bobtail	Private	Foothold	Coyote	Not Injured		With Owner	Legal
	1 12/12/2012	Lincoln	Troy Mine Rd	Private	Foothold	Unknown	Not Injured		With Owner	Legal
	1 12/14/2012	Sanders	Blue Creek	USFS	Foothold	Bobcat	Not Injured		With Owner	Illegal
	1 12/14/2012	Lincoln	US 57, MM 27	Private	Foothold	Bobcat	Not Injured		At Large	Legal
	1 12/25/2012	Lincoln	Williams Creek	USFS	Foothold	Coyote	Not Injured		With Owner	Illegal
	1 1/2/2013	Sanders	Deep Creek	DNRC	Snare	Unknown	Not Injured		With Owner	Illegal
	1 1/9/2013	Sanders	Stimpson	Private	Snare	Unknown	Not Injured		At Large	Illegal
	1 1/14/2013	Lincoln	Ingraham Road	USFS	Foothold	Coyote	Not Injured		With Owner	Legal
	1 1/15/2013	Sanders	Stimpson	Private	Snare	Unknown	Not Injured		At Large	Illegal
	1 1/17/2013	Lincoln	Pinkham Creek	USFS	Foothold	Coyote	Not Injured		With Owner	Legal
	1 1/26/2013	Sanders	T. Falls Dam	Private	Foothold	Unknown	Foot Damage		With Owner	Illegal
	1 1/27/2013	Sanders	Gated Road	USFS	Foothold	Unknown	Not Injured		With Owner	Illegal
	1 2/1/2013	Lincoln	Frank Lake Rd	USFS	Snare	Coyote	Injured		At Large	Legal
	2 10/15/2012	Ravalli	Lost Horse	USFS	Foothold	Coyote	Not Injured		With Owner	Legal
	2 12/11/2012	Missoula	Southside Rd	Private	Foothold	Coyote	Foot Damage		At Large	Legal
	2 12/18/2012	Missoula	E. Fk. Schwartz	USFS	Foothold	Bobcat	Foot Damage		With Owner	Legal
	2 12/18/2012	Missoula	Bignell	Private	Foothold	Unknown	Foot Damage		At Large	Legal
	2 12/28/2012	Missoula	Schwartz Creek	USFS	Foothold	Bobcat	Not Injured		At Large	Legal
	2 12/25/2012	Missoula	Nine Mile	Private	Foothold	Wolf	Not Injured		At Large	Legal
	2 1/11/2013	Lewis & Clark	Saurerkraut Cr	Private	Foothold	Coyote	Not Injured		At Large	Legal
	2 1/19/2013	Ravalli	S. Shoshone Loop	Private	Foothold	Coyote	Foot Damage		At Large	Legal
	2 2/23/2013	Lewis & Clark	Saurerkraut Cr	Private	Foothold	Wolf	Foot Damage		At Large	Legal
	3 9/8/2012	Beaverhead	Taylor Creek	USFS	Foothold	Coyote	Foot Damage		At Large	Legal
	3 11/29/2012	Gallatin	Moser Creek	USFS	Foothold	Coyote	Not Injured		With Owner	Legal
	3 12/1/2012	Gallatin	Cameron Bridge	Other	Foothold	Beaver	Not Injured		With Owner	Legal

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3	12/1/2012	Gallatin	Vandervos	Private	Conibear	Beaver	Not Injured	With Owner	Legal
3	12/9/2012	Silver Bow	Railroad Tracks	Private	Foothold	Bobcat	Foot Damage	With Owner	Illegal
3	12/15/2012	Park	Near Gardiner	USFS	Snare	Coyote	Not Injured	With Owner	Legal
3	12/16/2012	Jefferson	Toll Mountain	USFS	Foothold	Unknown	Not Injured	With Owner	Legal
3	12/28/2012	Park	Harris Property	Private	Foothold	Wolf	Not Injured	With Owner	Legal
3	1/4/2013	Jefferson	Torry Gulch	USFS	Foothold	Coyote	Not Injured	With Owner	Legal
3	1/6/2013	Gallatin	Durnam Meadow	USFS	Foothold	Coyote	Not Injured	With Owner	Legal
3	1/10/2013	Madison	E. Fk. Boulder	USFS	Snare	Unknown	Not Injured	With Owner	Illegal
3	1/16/2013	Park	Indian Hill Rd	Private	Foothold	Wolf	Foot Damage	At Large	Legal
3	1/19/2013	Madison	Cedar Creek	Private	Foothold	Coyote	Foot Damage	At Large	Illegal
3	1/21/2013	Madison	Cedar Ck Ranch	Private	Foothold	Coyote	Foot Damage	At Large	Illegal
4	12/29/2012	Lewis & Clark	Camp Walker Rd	Private	Snare	Coyote	Killed	With Owner	Illegal
4	1/18/2013	Teton	Teton River	USFS	Snare	Bobcat	Not Injured	At Large	Legal
5	1/20/2013	Yellowstone	Yellowstone WM, Other	Other	Foothold	Unknown	Not Injured	With Owner	Legal
5	1/26/2013	Yellowstone	Yellowstone WM, Other	Other	Foothold	Coyote	Not Injured	With Owner	Legal
6	10/21/2012	Phillips	Cottonwood Rd	BLM	Foothold	Coyote	Unknown	With Owner	Legal
6	10/30/2012	Phillips	South of Saco	Private	Foothold	Coyote	Unknown	At Large	Legal
7	12/26/2012	Custer	E. of Miles City	Private	Snare	Coyote	Not Injured	At Large	Legal
7	1/10/2013	Custer	Unknown	Private	Snare	Coyote	Not Injured	At Large	Legal
7	2/2/2013	Custer	E. of Miles City	Private	Snare	Coyote	Not Injured	At Large	Legal